

Note: Do not incorrectly run together sentences with *and's* or *and then's*.

POOR: We met at the park and we went swimming and then we had a picnic and later we went home.

BETTER: We met at the park. After swimming, we had a picnic. Later we went home.

PRACTICE 2. Each numbered group of words below contains two or three sentences run together. Decide where each sentence should end. Begin each new sentence with a capital letter. Place the correct mark of punctuation (period, question mark, or exclamation point) at the end of each sentence.

Sample: Have you been fishing this year? ^M ~~my~~ friend and I went fishing last week-end. ^w ~~we~~ fished on my friend's ranch.

1. The efficiency of a machine is always less than 100 percent perhaps you can explain why
2. Who made the first wheel we do not know the first wheels were probably square time brought about changes and improvements
3. Did you hear the news we will have to wait an hour for the doctor
4. A ship loaded with cargo was anchored in the harbor suddenly we heard a loud explosion almost immediately smoke began to rise from the stern
5. What a wonderful magician she is have you seen her act she has been on television
6. We caught the bus at 8:15 it always seems to be late
7. Don't be upset I'll help you paint the room in the morning
8. I went to the market and purchased some fish then I took them home and cooked them
9. Take the package to the office and give it to Mrs. Stanton then come back here quickly
10. Always shop here you can buy things at a lower price

Learning More About Subjects and Predicates

Either the subject or the predicate of a sentence may consist of one word or of a